



7231-102/10209668

3763
8
41

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: APRIL MARANO-FORD

Group Art Unit: 3763

Serial No. 09/932,830

Examiner: Mendez, Manuel A.

Filed: August 17, 2001

For: SAFETY SHIELD FOR A NEEDLE
ASSEMBLY

I hereby certify that this correspondence (along with any referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited this day, May 17, 2004, with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450.

John D. McConaghy, Reg. No. 26,778

AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

RECEIVED
MAY 25 2004
TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700

Applicant hereby responds to the Official Action mailed February 18, 2004.

05/21/2004 MBERHE 00000144 500337 09932830

01 FC:2202 27.00 DA
02 FC:2201 43.00 DA